## CITY OF REDMOND RESOLUTION NO. 1368

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING INITIATIVE 1125 CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Initiative Measure 1125 (I-1125) places restrictions on the use of tolling revenues, requires that all toll rates be flat rates, and establishes new requirements on who sets tolling rates; and

WHEREAS, I-1125 would restrict the use of revenue generated from tolling on Interstate 90 and would prohibit this revenue from being used for replacement of the SR-520 bridge, making it harder for the State to fund this critical safety project; and

WHEREAS, I-1125 would also prohibit the use of variable tolling or "congestion pricing" and would require one flat rate for tolled facilities, which means all motorists traveling across the SR-520 bridge pay the same toll regardless of the time of day of travel; and

WHEREAS, one flat toll rate will generate less toll revenue than variable tolling to help fund the SR-520 bridge replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington and local agencies have received federal grant funding conditioned on implementing variable tolling on the SR-520 bridge as a congestion management tool, and the State Office of Financial Management has

forecasted that up to \$128 million in federal funding would be at jeopardy if variable tolling is not implemented; and

WHEREAS, I-1125 requires that toll rates be set by the State Legislature rather than by an independent commission; and

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer has said that having the Legislature set toll rates instead of an independent commission would significantly increase the cost of financing the SR-520 bridge replacement project, adding \$300 million or more to the cost of the project; and

WHEREAS, I-1125 would jeopardize the State's ability to fund the SR-520 bridge replacement project and other critical transportation projects on Interstate 405, State Route 167 and the State Route 99 Alaska Way Viaduct replacement project that rely on toll revenue for funding; and

WHEREAS, SR-520 is the transportation link for services, businesses, employers and employees and the movement of goods and people to and from the City of Redmond, and replacement of the SR-520 bridge and corridor improvements are critical for the safe operations of SR-520 and mobility on this corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond supports tolling of the SR-520 and I-90 corridors to help pay for the SR-520 bridge replacement project and to manage congestion on these highways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond has opposed past efforts to restrict the use of tolling and toll proceeds due to their

negative impacts on funding highway capacity improvements, mobility and the economic health of the city and region; and

WHEREAS, the damaging cost and economic implications from I-1125 have led the Microsoft Corporation, The Boeing Company, and an array of business, labor, and environmental organizations to oppose I-1125; and

WHEREAS, I-1125 is not in the best interest of Redmond due to the increased costs that would result for replacement of the SR-520 bridge and the threat to mobility on SR-520 and the economic health of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Redmond City Council takes an official position opposing I-1125 concerning transportation.

Section 2. The Redmond City Council encourages voters to oppose I-1125 concerning transportation, due to the increased costs that would result for replacement of the SR-520 bridge and other major transportation projects and the threat to mobility on SR-520 and other highways and the economic health of the City and region.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this  $4^{th}$  day of October, 2011.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:

September 28, 2011

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

October 4, 2011

EFFECTIVE DATE:

October 4, 2011

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ADOPTED 5-2;

YES: Allen, Cole, Margeson, Stilin and Vache

NO: Carson and Myers